

PATENT

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In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop AF**
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A VEHICLE : ***FINAL REJECTION***

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the April 7, 2009 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, 21 and 22 are pending, with claims 2, 10 and 14 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.